MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Sir, on a point of order, I wish to point out that the member is constantly giving information.

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I do not know whether it is 1½ miles.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether the Government are aware that there is a Railway line between Nilakkamukkoo and the Kayikara ferry?

PRESIDENT: I must point out, as I have pointed out several times, that the purpose of questions is to elicit information and not to give information.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Am I to understand whether the Government are going to construct that road or not?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): It is not intended to construct it in the near future as the Government do not consider it very urgent.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether the Government have any information about the condition of coir and copra in that place?

PRESIDENT: I think that does not arise.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): The Chief Engineer said that it is not necessary.

PRESIDENT: Do not argue with me. Your question has been answered sufficiently.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Is the member aware of representations made in the old Sri Mulam Assembly regarding the necessity of this road?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I have already stated that representations have been received.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): I mean representations in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly.

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I claim notice.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Are the Government convinced of the necessity of the road?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I have already stated that the Government do not intend to construct it in the immediate future.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Are the Government convinced of the necessity?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Government are not convinced of the urgent necessity of the road.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether similar petitions for construction of similar roads have been received by Government.

PRESIDENT: That does not arise on this question.

The Arattukadavu Bridge.

43.* **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*): With regard to the Arattukadavu bridge on the Mavelikara-Tiruvalla road, will the

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Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement containing the following particulars.—

(*a*) the years for which budget allotments were made and the amount allotted in each years;

(*b*) the amount spent in each of such years;

(*c*) if the whole or any part of the allotment has not been spent in any year, the reason for the same; and

(*d*) if the work had been provided for in one year but neither begun nor completed in that year and was unprovided for in the subsequent year, the reason for the same?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): (*a*) 1104 ... Rs. 5,000
1105 ... ,, 10,000
1106 ... ,, 15,000
(*b*) 1106 ... ,, 1,693
1107 ... ,, Nil.

(*c*) In 1104 and 1105 the work was not taken up for want of sanction to the estimate. In 1106 the funds provided had to be surrendered on account of financial stringency. But the amount of Rs. 1,690, for land compensation was found by diversion.

(*d*) The reasons are many, the chief of them being want of sanctioned estimate, paucity of funds etc.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): It is stated that in 1106 sanction was obtained for spending money and a sum of Rs. 1,600 was spent.

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): That was for land acquisition.

MR A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Is it not from the budget allotment that the amount was spent?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): No. The budget allotment was entirely withdrawn at the commencement of the year, and adjustment was made at the end of the year.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): It is stated that the reasons are many. I would like to know those reasons.

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): One reason is want of funds.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Do not Government consider that they have already spent some money for acquiring land for the purpose of constructing the bridge?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Government have acquired land; that does not mean that the bridge must necessarily go on.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Is it the usual policy of the Government to drop such items even after spending some money and beginning the work?

PRESIDENT: That does not arise.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether in 1107 any allotment was made for any work for which the money was not spent?

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): I rise to a point of order. That is a general question.

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PRESIDENT: That does not arise either. The question is about a particular work. You must confine yourself to that.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know why sanction was not obtained in 1104 and 1105 for carrying out the work?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): We did not finish the investigation then, and estimates were not ready at that time.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know how much time is required for preparing the estimate?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): A considerable time is required.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Did the Department require two years for preparing the estimate of a bridge?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Might be so.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Does the learned Chief Engineer think that so much time is necessary?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Not in all cases.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Have the Government felt that where a portion of the work is executed and some money is spent it is a waste not to finish that work?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): No, not in all cases.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Is there any particular reason for considering this case as distinguished from other cases?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): We have only acquired lands. The actual construction requires about Rs. 50,000. We have not funds for that now.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Was it not known at the time when land was acquired that Rs. 50,000 was required for constructing the bridge?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): It might have been known.

Police Commissioner's rules under the Motor Vehicles Regulation.

44.* **MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there are any rules framed by the Commissioner of Police or the Traffic Superintendent or both governing the conduct of motor vehicles and motor employees like drivers and conductors:

(*b*) whether such rules have any legal recognition and force of law;

(*c*) whether such rules are recognised by the courts of justice in the State;

(*d*) whether there is any finding by their Honours the Judges of the High Court that the rules are *ultra vires*; and

(*e*) whether the rules provide double punishment in the case of motor owners, drivers and conductors who commit offences under the Motor Vehicles Regulation?

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